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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: )  
**Richard Boyd** ) **Group Art Unit:** N/A  
Serial No.: 60/309,808 ) **Examiner:** N/A  
Filed: August 1, 2001 )  
For: Diagnostic Indicator of Thymic )  
Function )

**PETITION TO CONVERT PROVISIONAL APPLICATION TO UTILITY APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Office of Initial Patent Examination

Sir:

This is a petition to convert the above-identified provisional (37 CFR § 1.53(c)) patent application to a non-provisional (37 CFR § 1.53(b)) application having the same filing date. This provisional application was filed on August 1, 2001, less than 12 months previous to the filing of this petition. The provisional application has not been abandoned.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8a)**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

September 14, 2001

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The application as originally filed already contains 37 claims; therefor no new claims are being filed. A check for the petition fee of \$130 is attached to this petition. Charge any additional fee owed as a result to this filing, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 09-0946.

Applicant is also filing a Preliminary Amendment to the application, a copy of which is attached to this Petition. This Preliminary Amendment claims priority for the converted nonprovisional application as a CIP to US Serial No. 09/755,965, US Serial No. 09/755,646, US Serial No. 09/755,983, all three of which were filed on January 5, 2001, and US Serial No. 09/758,910, filed on January 10, 2001, all four of which are CIPs of US Serial No. 09/795,286, US Serial No. 09/795,286 and Australian patent application PR0745, all three of which were filed on October 13, 2000, and of PCT/AU00/00329, filed April 17, 2000, designating the United States, which is an international filing of Australian patent application PP9778, filed April 15, 1999. At the time of grant of this petition (or earlier if appropriate), please forward this Amendment to the Examiner, showing the date of the Amendment as September 14, 2001, which is within 4 months of the filing date of the application.

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